



Mesa Parks, Recreation & Commercial Facilities

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose:

Spectators play an important role in our program. We want to provide as much support and cheering for our youth as possible. The habits, language, and general actions of all spectators, youth and adults alike, go a long way in showing the quality and sportsmanship of our community. Inappropriate behavior and actions will result in removal from the particular activity and/or restriction from attendance at future activities.

Sportsmanship:

- This program is designed to be a positive place where everyone has the same opportunity to participate and learn. Having fun and developing in the sport is more important than winning or the score.
- While it is a part of sports to win or lose, it is not in good taste or good sportsmanship to taunt, make fun of, or harass the other teams or players.
- Spectators should positively cheer on both team and provide moral support.
- Please help censure inappropriate behavior of other spectators that is unbecoming which reflects poorly upon the entire team, league, and program.
- Show respect for all game officials, scorekeepers, and instructors and the calls they make. Please refrain from any unsportsmanlike acts directed toward them.
- Show respect for all players, coaches, and parents/guardians. Please respect the decisions the coach is making. If you have an issue, the parent/guardian should address it with the coach or staff at a time when it won't interfere with the kids or their play.

Language and Actions:

- Absolutely no swearing or abusive language. This includes taunting, heckling, name-calling, and demeaning other players, coaches, officials, parents/guardians, and spectators in any way.
- Refrain from applauding errors by opponents or penalties inflicted upon them.
- No use of obscene gestures or similar actions.
- Refrain from actions which are a potential hazard to health, safety, and well-being of anyone.
- Do not abuse, vandalize, or steal City of Mesa or anyone else's property.
- There is zero tolerance on bullying.
- Please abstain from other inappropriate behavior deemed sufficiently repetitive, flagrant, or severe by City of Mesa staff.
- If a staff or coach asks a spectator to censure or adjust their behavior, please do so out of respect for the kids. Please do not make a scene during their program. Any issues should be resolved at the end and respectfully.